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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Lovell B. Ivie et al.)
TITLE: INFORMATION)
COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS)
SERIAL NO.: 09/004,040)
FILED: January 7, 1998)
EXAMINER: V. Srivastava)
ART UNIT: 2611)
RESPONSE B

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed August 09 2004,
Applicant requests entry of this Response B and reconsideration of
the above-captioned application. This response addresses every
ground of rejection set forth in the Office Action.

Applicant wishes to again thank the Examiner for the
consideration and guidance provided during the personal interview
conducted in the Examiner's office on October 3, 2003, including
the undersigned and Ms. Soechtig and Mr. Richards (with the
management of the assignee of the present application).

Certificate of Deposit Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the 10th day of January, 2005.

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Application No. 09/044,040

Amendment dated January 10, 2005

Response to Office Action mailed August 9, 2004

A shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months was set for response to the Office Action. Accordingly, a Petition for a two-month extension of time and a Form PTO-2038 appropriate in amount to cover the corresponding fee are also enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0836. The total number of independent and dependent claims under examination has not increased and therefore no additional fee in this regard is required.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.